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In re Patent Application of:
Hiroshi Sato

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For: Method and mechanism for cleaning
connecting-end-face of optical connector

Examiner: M. Kornakov

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II (claims 7-16, drawn to cleaning mechanism) for continued examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications direct to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Consideration and allowance if the application is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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